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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, SS, IZ, AG, MO
SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF IRAQI SUPPORT FOR POLISARIO

REF: BAGHDAD 44 (NOTAL)

1. MOROCCAN EMBOFF HAS CONFIDED FEAR THAT IRAQ MAY HAVE CHANGED ITS POLICY TOWARD SAHARA CONFLICT. ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO EVIDENCE OF EITHER MILITARY OR FINANCIAL AID TO POLISARIO GUERRILLAS, HE BELIEVES THAT IRAQ, UNDER PRESSURE FROM ALGERIA AND WITH SOVIET ACQUIESCENCE, MAY BE GIVING SECRET HELP. IN SO DOING, IRAQ WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO ALGERIAN CONCERNS AT THE TIME WHEN LATTER STATE IS PLAYING COOPERATIVE ROLE WITH IRAQIS IN INTER-ARAB POLITICS.

2. SOURCE NOTED PRO-ALGERIAN DECLARATIONS OF RECENTLY HELD MEETING OF GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF ARAB POPULAR
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CONFERENCE (REFTEL) AS WELL AS INDICATIONS THAT IN OTHER AREAS IRAQ IS PREPARED TO MAKE PRAGMATIC ACCOMMODATIONS TO ITS "PROGRESSIVE" ALLIES. (IN CASE AT HAND, IRAQ WOULD BE RETREATING FROM BAATH PARTY POSITION OPPOSING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH FURTHER BALKANIZE THE ARAB HOMELAND.) SOURCE ALSO SPECULATES THAT SHIFT FROM PRO-MOROCCAN POSITION ON SAHARA COULD BE RELATED

TO MOROCCAN SUPPORT FOR SADAT INITIATIVES.

3. COMMENT: HERETOFORE, MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS
STAFF HAVE EXUDED SMUG CONFIDENCE THAT IRAQ WOULD
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MOROCCAN POSITON ON SAHARA.
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